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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the report
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

The international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

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the drawings:

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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

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any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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International application No.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	4-10	YES
	Claims	1-3	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	4-10	YES
	Claims	1-3	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 12-513480 A (HOECHST AG.), October 10, 2000, full text
 & WO 97/20358 A1
 & US 5998057 A

Document 2: JP 10-251886 A (STORK SCREENS B.V.), September 22, 1998, Claims; Par. Nos. [0005], [0017], [0019]; Fig. 1
 & EP 558142 A1
 & US 5584983 A

Document 3: JP 6-81187 A (STORK SCREENS B.V.), March 22, 1994, Claims; Par. Nos. [0005], [0017], [0019]; Fig. 1
 & EP 558142 A1
 & US 5584983 A

Claims 1-3

The inventions described in claims 1-3 do not appear to be novel or to involve an inventive step based on document 1 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 discloses immersing in a slurry that includes a conductive material carrier materials of an organic polymer such as polypropylene having a pore ratio of 20-99.9 %, and creating a solid-polymer type electrode for fuel cell.

Claims 1-2

The inventions described in claims 1-2 do not appear to be novel or to involve an inventive step based on document 2 cited in the ISR.

Document 2 discloses using as an electrode for fuel cell material comprising a foamed material such as polyethylene and polypropylene having a porous structure, with a metal plated on the surface thereof.

Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.
Continuation of Box V.2. :

Claim 3

The invention described in claim 3 does not appear to involve an inventive step based on document 2 cited in the ISR.

No difficulty is found in using the electrode for fuel cell described in document 2 to solid-polymer type fuel cell.

Claims 1-2

The inventions described in claims 1-2 do not appear to be novel or to involve an inventive step based on document 3 cited in the ISR.

Document 3 discloses using as an electrode for fuel cell material comprising a foamed material such as polyethylene and polypropylene having a porous structure, with a metal plated on the surface thereof.

Claim 3

The invention described in claim 3 does not appear to involve an inventive step based on document 3 cited in the ISR.

No difficulty is found in using the electrode for fuel cell described in document 3 to solid-polymer type fuel cell.

Claims 4-10

The inventions described in claims 4-10 appear to be novel and to involve an inventive step over documents cited in the ISR.

None of the documents suggests a production method for an electrode for fuel cell, wherein a metallic film is formed on the surface of powdery particles comprising a thermoplastic resin, and a large number of particles forming the metallic film are pressed and joining into a plate shape.